

February 1, 2017

Dear FCC Commissioners,

Subject: Response to FCC orders on Sandwich Isles Communications, **WC Docket no. 10-90**

Aloha FCC Commissioners,

My name is Blanche Leialoha Richmond and I became a homesteader in 2006 when I moved to Waiohuli, Maui. I was so grateful to learn that I would not have to pay for the installation of fiber optic broadband cable services for the three generations that live in my household.

Sandwich Isle Communications (SIC), is a company that built a telecommunications network for us so that we would be able to have the same benefits of modern technology that the rest of the state and the country have and take for granted. Before SIC, homesteaders in remote areas were served by party lines, or had to pay high hook up fees, in some cases \$30,000 per household in area like Pu'ukapu, Hawaii. Closer to home, areas like Kahikinui, Maui were not served at all and now they are. They still do not have electricity however they have phone and internet service to connect them to the rest of the world. We are grateful customers of SIC and we need you to allow them to continue their operations so that we can continue to participate in today's society with today's technology. Please continue to support this important native Hawaiian company.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Blanche Richmond".

Blanche Richmond

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